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INFANT'S BIAS DRESS WITH YOKE - FRONT

The infant's bias dress illustrated on the accompanying page is desirable because it allows for growth and will stretch either lengthwise or crosswise, with the movements of the baby's body. A full length front opening simplifies both dressing and ironing.

A paper pattern for this dress can be made by following the measurements on the attached diagram. Center front and back, marked AB, indicate true bias of the material.

All edges have  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch allowed for finishing. French seams  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide finished are suggested for baby dresses. The first row of stitching may be made by machine, using a fine needle and thread, but the second should be made by hand.

To make the fastenings, crease twelve-inch pieces of narrow twistless tape at center and sew to the points C, D and E on left front. Ends of the tapes should be reinforced by turning them back  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and winding firmly with embroidery thread. An occasional stitch makes the reinforcements secure. At points C', D' and E', make crocheted or buttonholed loops  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length. For durability, both loops and ties should be reinforced on the under side with small squares of cotton tape.

Fine, soft materials such as nainsook or batiste, in white or pastel colors, make dainty and practical dresses for the baby. Shell-edges, rolled hems, or narrow bindings in contrasting color, are comfortable, durable, and distinctive finishes.

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